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DR. CATHERINE CATER AND JANICE LEVERSON CUT the tape recording of next Sunday's "College Night on the Air" program. Dr. Cater is the director of the MSTC Radio Workshop. *MiSTiC* photo by Arland Brusven.

## Herbert Johnson Named 1954 'Songfest' Chairman

Herb Johnson has been selected as general chairman of the 1954 AE Songfest, to be held in Weld Auditorium on February 25 and 26.

The annual variety show is under the sponsorship of the Alpha Epsilon fraternity. All proceeds are used to finance the awarding of scholarships to incoming freshmen.

All organizations are being contacted this week with respect to the beginning of preparation of the acts to be presented. At stake is the tra-

veling trophy which has previously been won by the Pi Mu Phi sorority and presently held by the Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

In addition to the competitive organizational acts, individual acts are also included in the show.

Other committees will be announced by Johnson at a later date.

## Pop-Concert Featured On MS Radio Program

Selections from the MSTC Band, Pop Concert, held November 23 under the direction of Arthur Nix, will be featured on the Sunday, December 6, presentation of the College Radio Program at 10:15 p.m.

"I Love a Parade," Surrey with the

## College Radio Program Offers Educational Service to Area

by Alex Karmarkovic

"It has been said that for every 5 minutes of air time, there should be a minimum of an hour of rehearsal for a good radio program," declared Dr. Catherine Cater of the Moorhead State Teachers college when questioned this week about the production side of a radio program.

Dr. Cater, MSTC Radio Workshop director, has the oversight of an half hour MSTC public service broadcast heard each Sunday evening at 10:15 p.m. over radio station KVOX of Moorhead.

Members of the Radio Workshop are the principal participants of the program though it is not by any means limited to them. Other students are frequently brought in, and volunteers are always welcome. Faculty members also actively take part in the program.

While the time spent in rehearsing a program is important, it is only one of many different phases of radio production. Committees, allocating of responsibility, experimentation, tape recording and splicing are also included in the production of a MSTC radio program.

Once a month the radio committee

headed by Dr. Cater discusses the kind of programs it wants to produce in accordance with "the objective of offering an educational service to the community."

Committee suggestions are then considered by Radio Workshop members who meet every Monday night in the Fine Arts center. Here the director and students discuss the ways of implementing the various types of programs.

The program is divided into two parts of fifteen minutes each. An original script, a narration, or an adaptation of a book or a play is generally included during the first part; the second part of the program which is done separately is usually a panel discussion or a speech.

Each student is assigned a particular role in connection with the program. For example, one student is responsible for the music; another is the engineer running the Magnicorder, adjusting the microphone, and timing the production; one student, Ken Lawson is the regular announcer; another student has sound effects if having a play.

Several of the students are responsible for writing the script which in-

volves considerable background research. The first 15 minutes alone means about 10 to 15 typewritten pages, enough for the cast members and the engineer. Elaine La Valley has the job of typing the script.

After this preliminary work it is time to begin the rehearsal.

"Problems in production," according to Dr. Cater, "concern pronunciation, enunciation, voice inflection and sound effects. To achieve these the script is gone over many times; the position of the persons from the microphone must be regulated; and much experimenting is necessary to achieve the desired sound effects."

Other difficulties in production are due to a lack of a radio station and adequate radio equipment. Though acoustical tile covers one wall of the Fine Arts Center where the programs are made, there is still somewhat of an echo. If the room could be divided by heavy drapes of some kind, the sound would be improved considerably.

"Maybe it may sound like a pipe-dream," Dr. Cater indicated, "but a radio station of our own is something to be looked forward to so students could get experience in all the elements of radio production."

Present equipment consists only a Magnicorder which was provided by the Student Commission last year, a pencil microphone, a phonograph, and a piano.

"Additional equipment such as another Magnicorder to dub in background music, and regular studio turntables would help improve the music production of the program," Dr. Cater stated.

When the radio group has the script well enough in hand, the program is then tape recorded.

After the production has been taped, the various parts are spliced together, and whenever mistakes can be eliminated from the tape, they are cut out.

Such then is the procedure generally followed in the production of a radio broadcast by the MSTC Radio Workshop under the direction of Dr. Cater.

## Erickson, Nelson Direct HS Concert

Merlen Erickson and Bill Nelson, MSTC college students, will direct the MSTC high school choir in its annual Christmas concert, Monday, December 7, at 8 p.m. in Weld Hall auditorium.

The choir will sing: "Break Forth, O Beateous, Heavenly Light" by Bach; "O Bone Jesu," Palestrina; "We've Been A While A'Wandering," Christianson; "Rejoice This Night," Eberling; "How Far Is It To Bethlehem," Christianson; "The Shepherd's Story," Williams; "Fanfare For Christmas," Shaw; and "A Musical Christmas Card," Cunkle.

A senior girls' ensemble will sing "What Child Is This?" by Bransford and "Carol Of The Shepherd," Moller-Holst. A boys' ensemble will sing "Shepherds Awake" by Davis. A girls' trio will sing "Everywhere Is Christmas" and "O Holy Night" by Adam. Carol Erjavec will sing "The First Christmas Eve" by Aeberl and Guest; and Elden Myrben will sing "Birth-day of A King" by Neidlinger.

Choir members are: sopranos — Joan Brabender, Mary Brennan, Evonne Brooks, Carol Erjavec, Charlotte Fischer, Colleen Gallagher, Karen Gordon, Claudia Green, Ruth Hauge, Beatrice Lunde, Judith Olson, Sharon Overdahl, Diane Reski, Barbara Soberg, and Gloria Soberg;

Altos — Joanne Baugh, Pattie Evernham, Colleen Garrity, Barbara Gerbing, Sue Gerbing, Joyce Gehrke, Esther Haugen, Elaine Karlstrom, Marlene Melby, Rona Robbins, Trudy Seidenkranz, Irene Soberg, and Jo Ann Walden;

Tenors — Ronald Dibble, LaVern Garman, Myron Holland, Gordon Kasenborg, Elden Myben, Curtis Olson, and Harlan Poehls;

Basses — Jack Brennan, Ronald England, Richard Gray, Larry Foreman, Louis Hammond, Douglas Hammond, Herman Holland, Erling Johnson, Henry Qualley, Martin Soeth, and Lyle Witt.

## Euterpe Sings Cantata, 'A Story of Christmas'

Soloists will be selected this week for the Euterpe concert to be given, Thursday, December 17, at 9 p.m. This year's concert will feature the cantata, "A Story of Christmas," by Mathews.

Euterpe is the MSTC women's chorus which, under the direction of Dr. Maude Wenck, presents a Christmas concert for MS students, faculty, and friends each year just before Christmas vacation.

Personnel of Euterpe includes:

First sopranos — Patricia Bucholz, Margaret Carr, Betty Deike, Joan Fett, Jeanne Gelder, Corinne Grossman, Patricia Gunstinson, Ann Hagen, Joan Hallett, Mavis Hanson, Ardis Hofstad, Marlene Jacobs;

Nellie Kinzie, Mary Kuppich, Dorothy Larson, Carolyn Lee, Lois Leervig, Glory Lemke, Twilla Monson, Lois Neilson, Cordelia Sahlberg, Bette Sorensen and Faye Thomas;

Second sopranos — Ruth Beck, Patricia Cairns, Isabelle Cole, Carol Dahl, Shirley Dammann, Marilyn Dierks, Veljean Gilbertson, Gail Hoffman, Anna Jacobson;

Janice Leverson, Susan Leverson, Lois Lichstinn, Sonia Meyer, Patricia Miller, Edvina Noto, Sylvia Oie, Lois Roadfeldt, Beverly Severeid and Wanda Splitstoser;

Altos — Barbara Bishop, Rachel Briggs, Lois Commer, Gloria Eia, Marilyn Fichter, Norma Jean Garven,

Lila Hanson, Janice Hess, Darlene Hoglin, Doris Holm, Isabel Hughes, Rae Iverson;

Carol Jones, Elaine LaValley, Carol Lien, Ardis Lundell, Ardel Lupkes, JoAnne McHaney, Donna Rae Pender, Margaret Samuelson, Laurel Schenck, Vivian Sperr, Sonja Stangeland, Kay Thompson, and Rheta Westad.

Lois Leervig, soprano, and Ardis Lundell, contralto, will solo in "The Story of Christmas," a cantata by Mathews, major work of the program.

Two ensembles, a quartet and a sextet, have been selected and another is being formed for the concert. The quartet, consisting of Lois Leervig, Nellie Kinzie, Patricia Gunstinson, and Janice Leverson, will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" by MacGimsey.

"Jingle Bells," arranged by Samuelson, and "I'll Be Home For Christmas," arranged by Leaman, will be the sextet, consisting of Margaret Carr, Bette Sorensen, Susan Leverson, Ann Jacobson, Carol Jones, and Joan Hallett.

Choral numbers include "The Shepherd's Story" by Dickinson, "Cradle Song of the Virgin" by Brahms, "In Excelsis Gloria" by Harlser, "There's A Song in the Air" by Speaks, and "White Christmas" by Berlin.

The brass ensemble — Dr. H. Duane Harmon and William Nelson, trumpets; LeRoy Leverson, French horn; Franklyn Schulz, trombone; Gerald Christianson, baritone; and Merlen Erickson, bass — will play carols in the balcony preceding the program.

They will play modern arrangements of "The First Noel," "Jingle Bells," "We Three Kings," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

## Party Planned for Faculty Families

Carol singing and a visit from Santa Claus are features of the Christmas party to be held for the children of the faculty and the staff on Sunday, December 13, from 2:30 - 5 p.m. in MacLean Hall.

While adults and teen-agers folk and square dance in the gymnasium, the younger children may play games in Ingleside.

Refreshments will be served.

The faculty social committee is in charge of the party. They are: Miss Karen Kivi, chairman of the committee and assistant college librarian; Miss Iletta Holman, campus school art instructor; Mr. John Jenkins, dean of men; Mr. Neil Thompson, social studies instructor; and Mrs. Virginia Wilder, dean of women.

### LIBRARY MATERIAL DUE

All students are asked to remember that any materials — books, periodicals, pamphlets, records, etc. — checked out from the library should be checked in by Tuesday, December 8. All library materials must be returned before fall quarter grades will be issued.

## No MiSTiC During Test Week

There will be no *MiSTiC* published during the week of December 6-12, test week. The next regular issue of the *MiSTiC* will be published on Friday, December 18.

## Owls Term Meal 'Success'; Make Dinner Annual Project

by Pat Ferris

The recent Owl fraternity spaghetti feed proved to be very successful as over 450 people stuffed away plates of Italian spaghetti. Many of these even ate seconds.

Mrs. Varriano and other very able-bodied cooks from Dilworth put out a chow that was more than excellent.

Neil Thompson did a fine job as waiter-dispatcher. People who came into St. Josephs Church found a steaming plate of spaghetti before them the minute they sat down.

Jack Wilcox, chairman of the waiters, saw that everyone was taken care of, and Lee Johnson kept the dishwashing crew busy throughout the

day. Ray Sorenson, Don Anderson, and Roy Domek, also put in many hours of work on the feed.

After the throng had cleared away and the dishes were washed, the Owls found themselves 160 dollars in the clear. 125 dollars of this amount has been put into the Owl whirl-pool bath fund in the business office. It will remain there until enough money can be added to buy a whirl-pool bath for the athletic department.

The Owl fraternity has decided to make the spaghetti feed an annual event from which the majority of the profits will be contributed to a project beneficial to the whole school.

Fringe on Top," "On the Mall," and "The Trumpeters," which features a quartet consisting of Bill Nelson, Denis Hanson, Vernon Kuhn and Bud Larsen, will add a lively touch to the program.

A sudden change in mood will be represented by the more mellow numbers, "Dancing in the Dark" and "If I Loved You" with an alto saxophone solo by Joe Bratton.

Negro spirituals such as "Ezekiel Saw De Wheel," "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley," and "Little David Play on Your Harp" complete the program.

Along with these selections will be a commentary on the arranger of these numbers, Paul Yoder, a local boy.

Yoder was born and reared in Grand Forks, N. D., and started arranging music for the University of North Dakota band when he was a student at the University. Yoder received his masters degree from the University of Illinois. He is a leader in composing and arranging for modern symphonic bands, and devotes most of his talent arranging numbers for bands, of smaller schools.

Script is adapted by Janice Leverson, the narrator.



as the editors see it

## Support 'Fourth Front' Fight Against Polio

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has set the month of January 2-31, 1954, as its *March of Dimes* campaign month. From the National Foundation comes this encouragement: 1954, the sixteenth year of active battle against polio, may be the year of decision.

Scientists are on the point of opening the fight against the dread disease on a fourth and perhaps final front. The first three fronts—polio research, polio patient aid, and professional education—have paved the way for this attack at the heart of the problem, polio prevention.

Research has resulted in identifying three types of polio virus as causes of paralysis; it has enabled science to grow these viruses in test tubes; it has discovered the effectiveness of gamma globulin in temporary protection.

Statistics point out the accomplishments of the second front. Almost 70 cents of every dollar is used to help the stricken. Direct financial aid has been given to 270,000 patients at a cost of \$174,000,000. The National Foundation in recent years has rushed into action 6,100 iron lungs, 2,050 hot pack machines, and 700 rocking beds, and has paid for the emergency recruitment of 12,300 nurses, 800 physical therapists, and 160 resident physicians.

By offering scholarships and fellowships, it induces capable men and women to enter critically undermanned health fields.

The fourth front, polio prevention, has passed all tests in the laboratory. The next step is to move to the human body. The attack will be launched in two directions: large scale tests of a trail vaccine; and every possible use of gamma globulin made to halt the spread of epidemics.

To meet the cost of this attack, the National Foundation must raise \$26,500,000 in March of Dimes funds. Its objective is to extend protection against the paralytic disease to the greatest number of people—even-

## Ambassador to Speak in Fargo

Swedish Ambassador Erik Boheman will speak at the Fargo High school Auditorium, Tuesday, December 8, at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Fargo-Moorhead Open Forum.

The Scandinavian statesman's topic will be "Sweden: A Middle-Way Policy," and following the address will be a question-and-answer period. Boheman has been Ambassador to the United States since 1948. Prior to that he was Ambassador to Great Britain, and Minister to France. He has been in the diplomatic service of his country for 35 years.

Ambassador Boheman is making a special trip from Washington, D. C., to Fargo for this event.

College students are invited to hear Swedish Ambassador Boheman; admission is free.

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### Music Notes from

## Across the Great Circle

by Jan Levenson

"Sort of odd, but rather nice" was the conclusion of choir members after their first rehearsal of "Drum Taps," next major work of the college choir.

"Drum Taps" by Walt Whitman, has been set to music by Howard Hanson.

Watch for the first show by the band at half-time of one of the basketball games. It promises to be a corker.

Tau Chi Mu, MSTC music club, will hold initiation ceremonies for new members next Wednesday, December 9, at 5 p.m. in the band room.

### MS Students Want

## Male Cheerleaders

MISTiC Poll results were much more gratifying last time, due to student co-operation. The question was: *Do you think that male cheerleaders would be successful at MSTC?*

75% of the replies indicated that students wanted male cheerleaders; about 25% thought MS was not large enough for it.

In answer to the questions concerning male cheerleaders, frosh Barbara Bishop said, "Yes, definitely. I think fellows would add more 'zest' to the cheerleading squad."

John Rosequist admitted that he is "all for it." "Guys would add a lot to it, and the spirit would be united at MS."

Joan Bergeron said "I think if the team got someone good, limber, and who had lots of zip and a good voice, it would be just super."

Pat Cairns thought "it would be swell. It would add more pep to the cheerleading squad."

Miss McKellar commented, "Yes, no question about it, if co-operative men and women do the job. Many colleges have male cheerleaders and it is successful."

Van Smith decides, "It would de-

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## The Ferris Wheel

by Pat Ferris

During the past two weeks MSTC students have been favored with two very fine musical programs which stressed both popular and "long haired" selections.

This college has a band of which it can justly be proud. From the opening notes of "Show Boat" to the

closing refrains of "Dancing in The Dark," the audience was held captive by good entertainment.

The playing of David Bar-Illan, a 23 year-old pianist from Israel, is perhaps the best we will hear in this area for a long time. Those who missed the convocation program missed an excellent opportunity to hear talent at its very best.

Sometime next week, an announcement box will be placed on the pillar in the post-office area. It will serve as the official bulletin board for important all-college activities.

Organizations and individuals who wish to put important messages and announcements in the box should contact the publicity commissioner.

There have been a lot of rumors about the MSTC basketball team repeating the same record that they made last year. This department believes that while it is too early in the season to cast generalizations, it is not too early to get behind the team.

With student support and co-operation the basketball squad will win its share of games this season. With the proper enthusiastic support behind the team, there will be pleasant results.

Government statistics now show that it takes 10 dollars a day to feed and house a horse. It takes 4 dollars to feed and house a wife. In connection with this, someone has suggested that a stable be set up behind Ballard Hall.

MSTC grunt and groaners are looking forward to meeting Concordia's wrestling team again this year, but as of yet Concordia hasn't drummed up a squad. It would be a pity to have the team record stand at 1-0 in favor of the Dragons.



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### Commission Minutes

The Student Commission met Tuesday afternoon, December 1, at 12:10 p.m., in the commission room.

Those present were: Ed Raymond, Ed Merck, Jack Wilcox, Bruce Reski, Donna Canning, Jerry Miksche, Pat Ferris, and Mrs. Grantham.

President Raymond called the meeting to order.

The entire meeting was spent discussing and working out details in the proposed amendments to Section IV and Section V of the Student Commission By-Laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. Ed Merck, secretary.

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JOHN TORGERSON CAPTAINS this year's Dragon basketball squad. MISTIC photo by Arland Brusven.

## Wrestling Season Call Brings 20-Man Squad

This afternoon three members of the Dragon wrestling team will accompany faculty adviser, T. E. Smith, and student coach, Pat Ferris, to Minneapolis where they will participate in the AAU wrestling meet.

Jaroslav Kruta will represent the college in the heavyweight division, while Marvin Olson and Lee Johnson

### Owls Set 'Post-Exam Dance' Date

Wednesday, December 9, has been chosen as the date for a post-exam dance by the Owl fraternity. The dance will be held in the Moorhead armory with Jack Wilcox in charge of general arrangements.

A special fund has been set up in the business office for the purchasing of a whirlpool bath for the athletic department. The Owls have donated \$125.00 toward this purchase.

## Ellendale Tops Dragons; Torgerson Leads Scoring

The MSTC Dragons dropped their first game of the season Wednesday as the Ellendale (N.D.) Normal and Industrial school slipped by in a surprising 93-91 win. The game, played on the Monango floor was close all the way with the Dragons out in front at the end of the first period, 25-18. They slipped behind 43-42 at the half, but managed to come back for a seven point advantage as the third period ended, 74-67.

Shooting was torrid as both teams shot far better than usual early season form would dictate. John Torgerson pocketed 36 points for the night

as his team hit on 49 per-cent of their field goal attempts. The effort wasn't good enough however, as the NI team combined a well rounded scoring attack with a strong stand at the free throw line to win the game. All of Ellendale's players scored at once.

It was at the free throw line that the game was lost. MS made only 27 free throws out of an attempted 47 as Ellendale shot 33 for 43.

MSTC (91)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Torgerson, J.	14	8	4	36
Trgenson, D.	5	2	2	12
Haire	8	4	4	20
Johnson	0	2	5	2
Smith	2	2	4	6
Fieman	1	2	2	4
Handorff	0	0	1	0
Keeler	0	1	0	1
Thompson	1	1	5	3
Miller, D.	1	1	2	3
Miller, R.	1	1	1	3
Betzen	0	1	1	1
Olson	0	0	2	0
Kavanaugh	0	0	0	0

TOTALS	FG	FT	PF	TP
Ellendale (93)	33	25	31	91
Goodall	4	4	5	12
Morehouse	7	9	4	23
Stengel	0	1	1	1
Wolf	2	0	5	4
Ditty	6	5	4	17
Gemar	0	1	0	1
Hoffman	0	7	4	7
Kroll	2	2	1	6
Kunkel	5	1	5	11
Heitz	2	1	5	5
Vie	2	2	2	6
TOTALS	30	33	36	93

## SHORT STORIES

by Don Short  
Roy Domek's basketball squad, which plays four games before the holidays, may get some much needed help when a former star and captain of the team returns to school. He is Ken Johnson of Staples, a brother of Jim Johnson.

Ken lettered for the Dragons both as a freshman and as a sophomore be-

fore he was inducted into the army. He captained the team his second year and was third high scorer in 50-51.

The Dragons can well use the help as they swing into conference competition after Christmas. Their first loop tussle comes on December 17 when they tackle with the Mankato Indians, who nailed down the top spot in the conference a year ago.

The Indians are just as strong as they were last year and in addition, will probably have the services of Milan Knezovich, six foot six forward, who is returning to Mankato after a stint in the armed services. Knezovich gained all-state honors at Hibbing in 1949.

Other loop teams look equally tough with St. Cloud, Bemidji, and Winona all boasting returning all-conference players. Winona should be the most improved team in the conference with all of their first-line men back and several outstanding newcomers.

### Twelve I-M Teams Vie for Trophy

The prospect of having twelve intra-mural teams playing every Thursday night for the next eleven weeks should result in a competitive series of games for the teams and their fans.

The schedule calls for six games each night of play, so there is plenty of basketball on tap for winter quarter playing and watching.

Teams and captains taking part in the round-robin schedule are: Glenn Hagen's Bears; Bud Cornforth's Schmoos; Dick Norby's Addicts; Keith Grefsrud's Skalawags; Lee Johnson's Dawgs; Mooch Varriano's Batamweights; Bob Utke's Soldiers; Bill Roy's Left-Overs; Dick Walvatne's Slewumps; The Lopers; The Cast-Offs; and Jerry Miksche's Blitzes.



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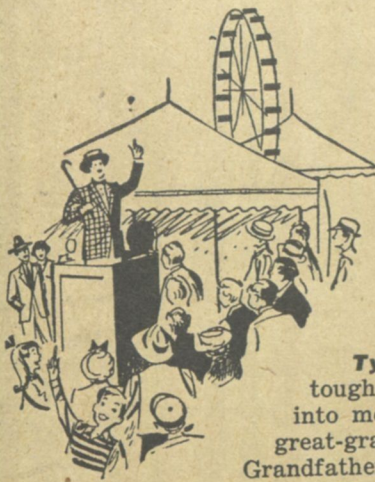
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## Olson Elected to APA Membership

Dr. Vernon E. Olson of the division of professional education at MSTC has been elected to the American Psychological Association.

The Association elects members on the basis of graduate work done in the field of psychological and professional experience. An attempt is made by the association to raise the standards of the profession and to establish it on a national footing. Head-quarters for the organization are in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Olson is a graduate of the University of Chicago, having received both his M. S. and Ph. D. there.

### Sororities Plan Progressive Supper

On December 15, the four sororities at MSTC will entertain each other with a progressive supper in the form of a Christmas party.

The party begins at 6 p.m. The Beta Chi's will furnish the starter, the Gamma Nu's and Psi Del's the main dish, and the Pi Mu Phi's the dessert and coffee.

Each sorority will provide entertainment of some kind which will be given after the meal and Christmas carols will be sung. Gifts worth \$.25 will be exchanged.

All girls and advisors are requested to wear jeans.

### NEWMAN CLUB BREAKFAST

Catholic students and faculty are invited to the Communion Breakfast on Sunday, December 6. The breakfast is sponsored by the Newman Club and will be held after the 9 o'clock mass in St. Joseph's Church basement.

The Catholic Club recently had a membership drive and initiated 28 new members into their ranks. President Lorna Schmaltz has extended a welcome to anyone else interested in the club.

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### INTER-VARSITY PLANS PRAYER MEETINGS

Fourteen members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship group met in Ingleside last Monday and decided to have a 30-minute prayer meeting next Monday, December 7, at 7 p.m.

Recently the Inter-Varsity group voted to change the time of its regular meeting night from Monday to Wednesday. This change will go into effect at the beginning of the winter term.

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## Dragons Need Pep Club

by Cordelia Sahlberg

Would you like to join a pep club? Our school spirit could benefit from such an organization. Now that the basketball season is here, we're going to need some of you kids with healthy lungs to give with the yells to show our team we're behind them.

Members of the pep club would have scheduled jam sessions and

would aid the cheerleaders in making new yells and promoting crowd participation in cheering. They would sit together at games and buses would be secured for out of town games.

This invitation is open to all fellows and girls interested in such a club. A sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for the "John Henry's" of those wishing to join.

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